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Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Office Action rejection dated January 30, 2006 of claims 1, 2, 5-7, 9, 10, 13-15 and 17-19. Claims 1-7, 9-15 and 17-24 are pending in the application. Claims 20-24 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 3, 4, 11 and 12 are objected to.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee for filing this Notice of Appeal pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §41.20(b)(1) of \$500.00 to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5150-48900/JCH. If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant hereby petitions for such extensions. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fee or other fees which may be necessary to the same account number.

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